



Creative Arts Faculty

DANCE

BTEC Tech Award

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BTEC Tech Award in Dance

Course Content information

- **Exam board – BTEC**
- **Number of papers – NO exam paper but a external exam from January – May (practical and written)**
- **Exam/Controlled Assessment component ratio –**
2 internal units: 1 external unit





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What to expect on this course?

Students will complete 3 components across the 2 year course.

These units aim to give learners the opportunity to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of the performing arts industry and specialist skills and techniques in the dance sector.

Please see the next slide for a more in depth look at each component.

| Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts | | | | |
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| Component number | Component title | GLH | Level | How assessed |
| 1 | Exploring the Performing Arts | 36 | 1/2 | Internal |
| 2 | Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts | 36 | 1/2 | Internal |
| 3 | Performing to a Brief | 48 | 1/2 | Synoptic External |



Component 1

Exploring the Performing Arts

During Component 1, students will:

- explore performance styles, creative intentions and purpose
- investigate how practitioners create and influence what's performed
- discover performance roles, skills, techniques and processes.

This unit is more theory based and you will complete a booklet of written work for your coursework.

You will also experience practical workshops which will support your writing.



Component 2

Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

During Component 2, students will:

- take part in workshops, classes and rehearsals
- gain physical, interpretative, vocal and rehearsal skills
- apply these skills in performance
- reflect on their progress, their performance and how they could improve

During this unit you will study Contemporary, Street and Jazz dance. You will have workshops in all 3 styles and then decide your favourite genre. You will then work in groups to learn a 2 min piece of repertoire.

Throughout this process you will complete log books to track your progress.

Component 3

Performing to a Brief

To achieve this aim, students will:

- use the brief and previous learnings to come up with ideas
- build on their skills in classes, workshops and rehearsals
- review the process using an ideas and skills log
- perform a piece to their chosen audience
- reflect on their performance in an evaluation report.

For this unit you will create a 7-15min group dance based around a stimuli provided by the exam board.

You complete 3 logbooks throughout this process.

You will complete this unit in Year 10 and 11, giving you 2 opportunities to achieve your best grade.



Possible Careers link

Studying on a dance course can provide a pathway to multiple jobs in the Arts Industry:

- Professional Dancer
- Dance Teacher (secondary school or freelance)
- Choreographer
- Dance critic
- Company director

BUT more importantly if you enjoy dance but are not sure if you would like to pursue a career in it, dance can also develop many other important life skills that will help in any career:

- Dancers rarely perform alone, they must be able to work collaboratively on a project
- Dancers are faced with tight deadlines
- Rigorous practice schedules ensure dancers learn self-discipline, patience, perseverance, and devotion
- Dancers develop confidence when performing in front of others this would help for job interviews or public speaking!





Exciting Opportunities!!

We hope to be able to offer new and exciting opportunities to our KS4 performing arts students across their 2 year course...

Trips



Shows



Professional Workshops



An example of a professional dance workshop Oldbury Dance Department hosted in 2019. Our KS4 students dancing with professionals...



<https://youtu.be/CnCxOsYLx64>



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Further information

- Speak to Miss McDonald for any additional information in school or via email: emma.mcdonald@oldburyacademy.org.uk

OR

Please see the BTEC Pearson website for additional course information
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/performing-arts.html>



National Careers Service

This link will take you to a government website that is designed to help you explore careers.

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

Have a look at careers you are interested and what advice they give you about possible GCSEs and A-levels you should be interested in.

